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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

OOMEN ET AL.

Examiner

Michael N. Opsasnick

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 December 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6/20/2001.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gersho et al (6475245) in view of McAulay et al (5054072).

As per claims 1,6,9, Gersho et al (6475245) teaches an apparatus and method:

“determining frequency.....amplitude information” as sinusoidal based encoders including frequency information (col. 4 lines 16-20, lines 60-64).

“characterized.....parameters” as phase synchronization information into the transition and voiced coder (Fig. 4a, subblocks 30 and 32).

Although Gersho et al discusses transmitting parameters that are used to recalculate the phase information (col. 15 line 50 – col. 16 line 10), the transmitted parameters themselves, although directly used to recalculate the phase, are not explicit phase parameters per se. McAulay et al (5054072), however, teaches the transmission of

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explicit phase parameters (McAulay et al (5054072), Fig. 1, subblock 30 and 44).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of audio encoding/decoding to modify the phase calculation portion of Gersho et al (6475245) with the phase information calculation and transmission as taught by McAulay et al (5054072) because that particular phase calculation technique could accurately capture the random noise-like quality deviation present during unvoiced speech (McAulay et al (5054072), col. 8 lines 66-68),

As per claim 2, Gersho et al (6475245) teaches:

“phase jitter.....track” as initialized phase information (col. 15 lines 34-37; and tracked via equation 12).

As per claim 3, Gersho et al (6475245) teaches:

“phase jitter.....frequencies” as generating phase information by calculating a difference between the transition frame and test frame (col. 15 lines 33-40).

As per claim 4, Gersho et al (6475245) teaches:

“determining.....said difference” as deriving the lag via a correlation calculation between current phase and initial phase (col. 15 lines 35-59).

As per claims 5,7, Gersho et al (6475245) teaches:

“receiving....component” as receiving the sinusoidal information (fig. 5, subblocks 104,106, and 108).

“restoring....parameters” as LP synthesis reconstructed speech (fig. 5, subblock 120).

“characterized in that.....jitter parameter” as receiving the phase sync parameter (Fig. 5, subblock 1222 + col. 16 lines 45-65).

As per claims 8,11, Gersho et al (6475245) teaches a audio coder as speech compression and transmission (so that the speech can be re-generated or ‘re-played’ at the decoder end -- col. 3 lines 50-67).

As per claim 10, Gersho et al (6475245) teaches storing the signal (col. 3 lines 60-61).

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Please see related art listed on the PTO-892 form.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's acting supervisor, Mr. David Ometz, can be reached at (571)272-7593. The facsimile phone number for this group is (571)272-7629.

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